Urban District Council of Swaffham. Norf

Eighth Annual report of the Medical Officer of Health.

Area in Acres 7530. Census Population 3636
Density of Population 1 person to 2 acres.

Gentlemen.

In making my Eighth Annual report to your Council in Compliance with the 78th Article Section 7th, of an Order from the Local Government Board in 1880, according to my usual Custom I will first submit the record of Births and Deaths which have occurred in the whole town during the year 1897 the number of Deaths registered in the whole town, including the Workhouse and Cottage Hospital was 56. This Calculated on the Population of 3636 will give a death rate of 13.7 per thousand. One Death was recorded from the seven principal Zymotic diseases viz.. one from Typhoid Fever in a young man, which was contracted at a distance from this neighbourhood.
With reference to Sex. 27 Males and 23 Females died in the town, including one in the Cottage Hospital and Ten in the Workhouse, the latter shewing the high average age of 78½ Years.

The Births numbered 69, giving a birth rate of 18.9. per thousand of the population. of these 36 were Boys and 33 Girls, including two born in the Workhouse.

The following table classifies the ages at which Deaths occurred in the whole town.

Deaths under 1 year	4
" 1 year and under 5 years	1
" 5 years " 15 "	1
" 15 " " 25 "	3
" 25 " " 65 "	13
" 65 and upwards	28
	50.

The Grouping into Various ages is in Conformity with the Ages fixed by the Local Government Board and accompanies this Report.

Four Deaths were recorded from Phthisis four from Heart Disease, and two from Influenza.

Notification adopted in 1889

During the year only nine Cases of Contagious diseases have been reported to me. Viz:

Scarlet Fever	4.
Typhoid Fever	4.
Erysipelas	1
Total	9.

This shews a great improvement in the Health of the town for some years.

I must again call the attention of the Council to the necessity of providing an Isolation Hospital as, in the Case of a Serious outbreak of an Epidemic, we are totally unable to Cope with such.

During the year the sewerage has been greatly improved, which is hoped will be of benefit to the town.

During the year the water has been of good quality and quantity.

I remain
Yours obediently
Augustus W. Thomas.
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